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## City reviewing options for River Road sewer spill repair

The city is currently staging equipment and personnel to begin making repairs to the water or sewer pipe that broke earlier today after a contractor for a local utility hit it while excavating to install underground utilities. The spill is located at the intersection of River Road and Shipyard Boulevard, at the entrance to the state Ports facility.

Although not yet confirmed, city officials believe the pipe that was hit is the River Road sewer forcemain pipe. Testing is being conducted to verify if the spill is drinking water or wastewater.

While making preparations for repairs, the city also built a berm to contain as much wastewater as possible. Some of the wastewater contained in the berm is being captured via pumper trucks, but a significant portion has reached the nearby Cape Fear River. Wastewater flowing to the forcemain will be shut down for a few hours tonight while usage is lowest so that crews can begin to assess the damage and determine how repairs need to be made. Wastewater services will not be impacted.

As a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not come into contact with the water. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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For more information, contact city Public Information Officer Malissa Talbert at 342-2736 or 470-8720.